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In re Application of:

DONNA GALVIN

Serial No.: 09/692,762

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Group Art Unit: 3629

Examiner: J. Walsh

AUTOMATIC DOOR LATCH

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AMENDMENT

April 11, 2002

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2001. Accompanying this Amendment is a three-month Petition for Extension of Time, extending the period for response through April 12, 2002. Also accompanying this Amendment is a marked-up version of the claims.

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 38 and 43 as follows:

38. (Amended) The automatic door latch restraint assembly of Claim 35, further comprising a manually operable button connected to the second latch for inserting the second latch into the keeper.

43. (Amended) An automatic door latch restraint assembly comprising: an automatic door latch including a dead bolt movable to an extended position in which the dead bolt automatically locks against retraction when end pressure is applied to the dead bolt, a partially retracted position and a fully retracted position, and a first spring biasing the dead bolt toward the extended position; and restraint means including a second latch for manually securing the dead bolt in the fully retracted position.

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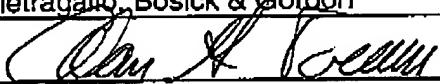
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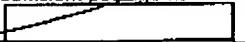
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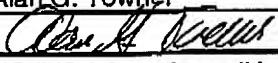
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